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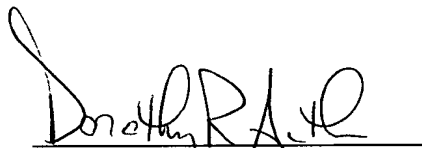
Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of the present application and claims. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

No additional fee is believed to be necessary.

Respectfully submitted,
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES

As required by 37 C.F.R. §1.121, a “marked up” version of the replacement claim is provided herewith, where additions are indicated by underlining and deletions by brackets.

9. (amended) The liposome of claim [8] 15, wherein the biologically active agent is DNA, thereby forming a DNA sandwich composite liposome.

10. (amended) The liposome according to claim 9 further comprising[, adding] a targeting ligand [thereby decorating] to the exterior surface of said DNA-sandwich composite liposome [with the ligand].

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